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In re Application of:)
Wataru MORIKAWA, et al.)
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For: PLASMINOGEN FRAGMENT)
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Washington, D.C.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

The Office Action of March 26, 2003, in the nature of a requirement for restriction, has been carefully reviewed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Restriction has been required between what the Examiner considers to be two patentably distinct inventions, namely,

Group I directed to a Lys-Lys binding site I which is a plasminogen fragment and a composition comprising said polypeptide, presently comprising claims 1 and 4; and

Group II, drawn to a process for preparing a plasminogen fragment consisting of Kringle 1 to Kringle 3, presently comprising claim 12.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without prejudice, claims 1 and 4, Group I, directed to a Lys-Lys

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